

## HARD WORK TO CONVICT, USING THE GERM THEORY

Mr. Germ, alias Bacterium, alias Microbe, first came ominously over the horizon of mankind in 1671, when Athanasius Kircher declared that he had found the cause of all disease. In the estimation of Kircher, Mr. Germ was the "Goat."

Many dissented from the opinion of Kircher, and for more than 200 years there raged around the diminutive, microscopic individuality of Mr. Germ a tempest of verbiage. The adherents of one school feared and respected him, while those of the other ignored and disdained him.

Scholars met in forensic struggles to settle the fate of friend Germ. Whole masses of discussions were printed and bound for the eternal confusion of posterity, and still the identity and potentiality of Germ remained an issue.

The following of Kircher prevailed in the end, however, and today Germ bears upon his tiny shoulders the responsibility for most of humankind's sickness, from the palsy to the whooping cough.

To clinch the charge and convict Germ as the source of human ills and the arch enemy of the public weal, the prosecution drew up a list of his crimes in a document that is known as the Germ Theory.

Mr. Germ's lawyer has prepared his case.

"You accuse my client of assault upon men. I can prove that he did not harm certain men."

"Oh, certainly," says the germ theorist from the witness stand. "They were not susceptible."

"Whatdyemean 'susceptible'?"

"Why," says the germ theorist, pityingly, "susceptibility is an abnormal condition which is necessary for the successful operation of the villain Germ."

Germ's lawyer is on his feet, with victory in his eye.

"I claim that the abnormal condition is a sickness and that the real criminal will be found when it is discovered who makes men susceptible to Mr. Germ. My client is innocent!"

The attorney for the plaintiff moved that the evidence be ruled out.

The case is still under way. New evidence is being introduced all the time by counsel for both sides, and old evidence is being discredited. When all the evidence is in and the arguments and pleas have been made, the jury will retire.

It is likely that the case will be appealed to higher courts, whichever way it is decided. Meanwhile, the death rate holds its own.

## CREDIT BUREAU HAS DATA ON 10,000 NAMES

Secretary Hanes Can Tell You  
Whether You Are Re-  
garded "Good Pay."

KEPT UP TO MINUTE

Rating of Nearly Everybody  
in Trade Territory Is  
on File.

A man went into a clothing store in Columbia and after selecting a suit asked the merchant if he could arrange terms to pay in 60 days.

"I don't know, but I'll find out," the merchant said, and went to a telephone. He called C. O. Hanes, secretary of the Columbia Retail Merchants' Association.

"What information can you give me on John Doe?"

"He is a carpenter, now living at 600 A—street, is married, 45 years old, and has a family," Mr. Hanes told him immediately. "He moved here from Clifton, Mo., in January, works for John Jones, has moved twice since he came here and has owed \$27 to a grocer since June 1. Last week he paid \$5 he had owed a butcher three months. Clifton merchants say he didn't pay all his bills when he left there."

He Didn't Get Credit.

The merchant hung up the receiver. The customer didn't get credit on his suit.

The credit bureau of the Retail Merchants' Association has on file complete information on the paying ability of more than 10,000 persons who run credit accounts with Columbia merchants.

This information is collected by the association, and is alphabetically filed by Mr. Hanes, who on a moment's notice can give you the rating of nearly everyone living in Columbia trading territory, or persons who have lived here in the last two years. The information is on 600 students who run charge accounts, about 5,000 townspeople, 4,000 country people and 400 who have moved away from here.

When a new man moves to town the Retail Merchants' Association sends him a blank asking for his former address, references, amount of property owned and other information about himself. Another blank is mailed to the references given and the financial condition of the man at his former home is learned. If the reports are favorable he is given an OK by the association, which assures him of credit at any business house in town.

Reports Are Up to Date.

The merchants report monthly on the paying inclinations of the new customer and this information is also tabulated by the association for the use of any member. These monthly reports of all merchant members on their debtors keep the association's credit information up-to-date.

"The credit bureau has increased in efficiency 100 per cent in the last year," Mr. Hanes says. "When all members report all accounts, the efficiency will be perfect and 'beating a bill' in Columbia will be an impossibility."

Handman to Study in Chicago.

Max S. Handman of the sociology department will go to Chicago this week to do research work in the library of the University of Chicago. From Chicago Mr. Handman will go to New York, where he will address the Sunday Evening Forum on December 26. Later he will go to Washington to attend a meeting of the American Sociological Society.

"955—Taxi—955." M. 76 tf.

## COLLEGE GIRLS GO WEDNESDAY

Railroads Make Special Provision for C. C. Students.

Regular classes were held at Christian College today so that students might leave a day earlier than the catalog date.

The Wabash officials have arranged for a special coach for Christian students attached to the train leaving at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday. This coach will go through to Kansas City without change. Students going to St. Louis and points south will transfer at Centralia.

The M. K. & T. officials have provided a special Pullman leaving at 9 p. m. Wednesday that will carry students going to points in Oklahoma and Texas through to Oklahoma City without change. Some of the students will not leave before Thursday morning.

Students will go for the vacation to distant points. Western New Mexico, Florida, Southern Texas and Michigan are represented in tickets purchased for the home-going.

The college will reopen Wednesday, January 5, at 8 a. m.

"Taxi? We'll be there."—Phone 955. M. 76 tf.

## Students to Tell of M. U.

A party for the senior class of the Savannah High School and a program for all the students of the high school will be the Andrew County

Club method of advertising the University during the holidays. Plans were made at a meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. G. F. Nardin Saturday night.

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## HE BORROWS A QUARTER; NOW CONGRESS MEMBER

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The day Congressman C. C. Dill from Washington state rises up in Congress and makes his maiden speech, it's going to cost him 25 cents. No—more than that—25 cents plus compound interest thereon for fourteen years. The congressman, this session's youngest, has owed that quarter ever since he was 16 years old. His creditor is Mrs. Fanny Berry Bell of Mount Gilead, Ohio, and she has his note to prove it. It reads:

"Fredericktown, O.,  
March 10, 1901.

"For value received I promise to pay Fanny Berry Bell the sum of 25 cents with compound interest at 6 per cent when I shall have made my first speech in the state legislature or the United States Congress or shall have won my first fight in either. C. C. DILL."

That note may account for the fact that Dill is a national lawmaker at so early an age. He simply couldn't wait longer to get that debt off his mind. The circumstances are these:

Dill lived on a rented farm near

Fredericktown, Ohio. Mrs. Bell was the wife of the owner. On one corner of the farm was the Salem M. E. Church, and one day a box social was announced for Saturday night at the church. Mrs. Bell asked young Dill if he were going. Nope, didn't have the necessary quarter, he explained cheerfully.

"I'll lend it to you," she said.

"Don't know when I can pay it back," he demurred.

"Pay it back when you make your first speech in Congress," she suggested. Dill, being a terribly earnest young man, had made no secret of the fact that he was going to Congress some day. The farm had accepted the money and drew up the note.

He had a good time at the social, untroubled by his new financial burden. Five or six years later he fell into the camp of Tom Johnson and became one of his secretaries during his gubernatorial campaign. After the campaign Johnson asked him what he was going to do.

"I'm going to Congress," said Dill. "All right," said Johnson; "You go out West and pick out some good, growing town and stay there till they send you."

Dill went to Spokane, Wash. And here he is.

## WOMEN CLERKS FAIL, THEY SAY

British Grocery Assistants Call Them "Not Great Success."

By United Press.

LONDON—The National Association of Grocery Assistants announces that girl clerks, taking the place of men, are not a great success.

LONDON—Police, attracted by unusual noises, found an example of war thrift in the form of a chicken farm on the roof of a downtown business building.

LONDON—Artilleryman W. Birch, who has fought from Mons to Gallipoli, has thus far suffered 180 wounds, mostly shrapnel, and is still in the ring.

LONDON—King George has given Upper Lodge, a beautiful old house in Busheu Park, to the Canadian Red Cross to be used as a convalescent home.

LONDON—"Billy," the famous King Penguin at the zoo, died of grief soon after his keeper enlisted in the army.

LONDON—Keep a goat and reduce your milk bill 40 per cent. A newly formed league, called the National Utility Goat Club, wants this done.

LONDON—England's latest rumor about the German Crown Prince declares that Wilhelm has lost his mind and is now a prisoner in one of the imperial German palaces under care of specialists.

## Society Entertains Its Debaters.

The M. S. U. Debating Society gave a smoker in the society room Saturday night in honor of its members who were successful in the preliminary try-out for the University debating squad. Informal talks were given by the members. The nine members who made the squad are: Sam T. Bratton, Warrensburg; Edgar H. Wolfberg, Kansas City; Alva P. McClanahan, Liberal; Grant McGee, Jr., St. Joseph; Morris E. Dry, Mexico; Frank E. Henslik, Appleton City; J. S. Jones, Columbia; W. C. Martin, Lamar; L. Merrill Fischer, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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